



THE CRESCENT PRIMARY SCHOOL

January 2026 Newsletter



Whole school diary:

12th January – Year 1 Grandparents afternoon

12th January – Year 5 Swimming starts

12th January – Year 3 Southampton Art Gallery Visit

12th January – Teacher led clubs start

20th January – Year R Stay & Play 2:30

22nd January – Young Voices Concert

30th January- Year 6 Showcase assembly

A message from Mr Wartnaby:

Happy New Year to everyone!

I hope you all had a lovely break and that the new year has started positively for you.

I would like to begin my section by sharing the date of our next **Parent Forum**, which will take place on **Friday 30th January, from 1:45pm to 2:30pm**.

Miss Bush will be joining me to discuss the work we do in school to support children's wellbeing. We are keen to gather your feedback and ideas to help us further strengthen this important area of school life.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible. If you would like to come please fill in the form here: [Parent Forum Friday 30th January 1.45pm-2.30pm – Fill in form](#)

Last night we held a webinar on mobile phone use, and I found it extremely helpful. As a parent, it really supported my understanding of the safest ways to introduce phone use to children. The session wasn't just aimed at parents who prefer their children not to have phones—it was equally valuable for those whose children do have phones, offering practical guidance on setting boundaries and keeping them safe.

The session was recorded, and I will share the link with everyone as soon as it becomes available.

I would like to say a huge well done to the 50-plus children who have represented the school in football over the last couple of months. Every one of them has done us proud, and we've had some fantastic results along the way!

Not many schools provide as many opportunities for children to represent their school, and I would like to thank Mr Tavender for working with another local school to make this possible. His efforts have helped ensure so many children had the chance to take part, develop their skills, and enjoy the experience.

Well done, everyone!

Our star value performers! – Belong

Pop Choir! Performed at several resident homes over the Christmas period. They are a real credit to our school and the feedback that we have had from the homes has been brilliant. Pop choir is the real essence of our school and we are very proud of them all.



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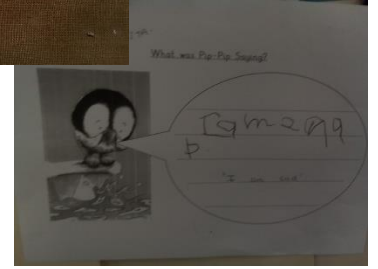
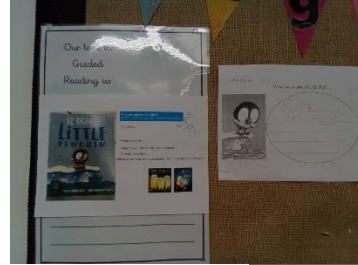
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Year R news:

We have had an exciting start to the new term. We are continuing to subitise and count to 10 in maths and the children have been using Numicon pieces to explore patterns and pictures. In literacy we have been reading 'Be Brave, Little Penguin'. The children thought about advice they would give to Pip-pip who is scared of the water and have been writing speech bubbles in response to him. We have also been writing speech bubbles to show how Pip-pip feels during different parts of the story. We have been developing our cutting skills by making icy backgrounds with penguins. We will continue to look at Antarctica and penguins next week.



Year 1 news:

Year 1 have got a very exciting half term ahead. Their learning will be focussed around their new history unit 'Did my grandparents play with the same toys as me?'. During this, they will make comparisons between the toys they play with and the toys their grandparents would have played with. As part of this, they are looking forward to their grandparents coming in to school next week to tell them all about their childhoods. In English, the children will start by looking at the book 'Lost in the Toy Museum' and will write a set of instructions to explain how to find the lost toys. In DT, the children will be exploring puppets. They will evaluate some existing products, learn some different sewing techniques and then design, make and evaluate their own puppets.

Following on from our previous correspondence, just a reminder that children will need to have their PE kits in school on a Monday ready for their teacher led PE lesson. They will then need to come into school on a Tuesday morning in any other (warm) sports clothes. They then need to bring their school uniform in with them to get changed in to after the session.

Year 2 news:

At the end of last term, the children in year 2 designed and made their healthy vegetable plate face. They used a range of chopping, grating and tasting skills. The children were able to evaluate their finished product and say how they would improve it next time.



The children have quickly settled into the new term and have enjoyed looking at their new book 'Dinosaurs from head to tail'. They had fun finding clues to tell them all about this book. The children thoroughly enjoyed their dance workshops this week and performing their dances to year 1.

Year 3 news:

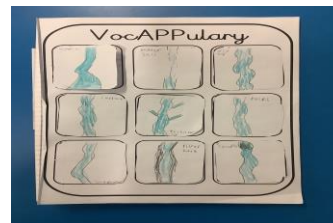
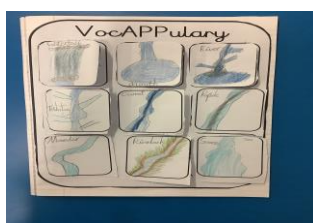
Year 3 enjoyed creating and sewing their money containers last term. They had to think carefully about using different sewing joins and about sewing on buttons: -



This term, they have had a fantastic start to their English learning. The children are retelling the story, 'The King who Banned the Dark'. They have been using conjunctions and inverted commas for speech. In maths, the children have been busy learning how to tell the time – please do practice this at home! In geography, they have started to look at how and why earthquakes occur with a focus on particular areas of the world. The children are really looking forward to their art workshops with Southampton Art Gallery on Monday. Please remember to send in an old shirt or apron for this day!

Year 4 news:

There are lots of exciting opportunities ready and waiting for Year 4 this half term. In geography, we are learning about rivers, focusing in on what lives on/in them, where they travel to, and their different features. This week we have created our own vocAPPulary pages about the parts of a river. In English and guided reading we have started our focus on the book 'How To Train Your Dragon' by Cressida Cowell. The children are very excited about creating their own dragon which can have a variety of magical features. During our times tables sessions, the children are continuing to practise for the MTC in the summer term.



Year 5 news:

This Spring Term, Year 5 have an exciting range of learning ahead. Swimming lessons will begin on Mondays, so please ensure children come prepared each week. We would like to say a big thank you for the generous food bank donations collected at the carol concert last half term – your support was greatly appreciated. In geography, we are looking forward to starting our new topic on the Caribbean, where pupils will explore its location, physical features and cultures – today we kickstarted our topic with some Caribbean fruit tasting. Ask your child about the range of fruits we sampled. A reminder that reading logs and homework should be completed and handed in on Mondays, this is to enhance and consolidate learning we do in school.

Year 6 news:

Year 6 had a fantastic time in art last term creating their technical drawings, using fine line pen layered over an ink-washed background.

They showed great care and precision in their work and were rightly proud of the finished pieces. This half term, the children are very much looking forward to exploring collage, where they will experiment with texture, layering and composition to create their own artwork.

In English, we have begun reading *The Haunting of Aveline Jones*. The class is thoroughly engaged with the story and has already shown lots of enthusiasm for its eerie atmosphere. They are excited to write their own spooky pieces inspired by the author's style, focusing on suspense and vivid description. In PE, the children are also looking forward to developing their jolf skills, building on teamwork, coordination and technique while enjoying an active and engaging unit of learning.

Governors Spotlight

As governors it is our role to ensure that the school is fulfilling its safeguarding responsibilities.

At The Crescent, the safety and wellbeing of every child is our highest priority. You may often hear the word *safeguarding*, and we would like to explain what it means and why it is so important.

Safeguarding is about making sure that all children are safe, happy, and able to learn and grow. It includes protecting children from harm, helping them feel secure, and making sure they know they are listened to and cared for. Safeguarding is not just about responding to problems, it is also about preventing difficulties by creating a safe, supportive environment where children feel confident and valued.

All staff are trained to look out for children's wellbeing and to notice when something may not be quite right. We encourage children to talk to a trusted adult if they are worried, upset, or unsure about something. By working together as a school community, we help children develop confidence, resilience, and an understanding of how to stay safe.

How Parents and Carers Can Help

Parents and carers play a vital role in safeguarding. You can help by:

- Talking regularly with your child and listening to what they say
- Encouraging them to share worries, even if they seem small
- Teaching them about boundaries, kindness, and staying safe online
- Letting the school know about any changes at home that might affect your child's wellbeing

Reporting Concerns

If you ever have a concern about a child's safety or wellbeing—whether it relates to your own child or another child—please speak to a member of the school staff. This could be your child's class teacher, a member of the leadership team, or the school's safeguarding lead. All concerns are taken seriously and handled with care and sensitivity.

Finally, please remember: **no concern is too small**. If you are ever unsure, it is always better to ask or talk it through with a member of staff.

Friends of The Crescent.

FOTC have lots of exciting things planned for 2026 including

A School Disco
Mothers day and Fathers Day shops
Our summer fete which will be on a Friday evening this year

We will also be launching our new web page shortly which will show all the events held or run by FOTC

If you would like to volunteer to help out in 2026 do come along to our 1st meeting on
Weds 21st Jan at 7pm at the school

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